

No, student council is not teachers' tool

• NO—the student council is not a “mouthpiece” for the faculty. No—the student council is not “ruled” by the teachers.

Yes—the members of the faculty and the student council work in agreement, for both are striving for the betterment of the school. Sometimes people receive the impression that the student council is just the faculty's tool. This is not true.

BUT PERHAPS it's wrong to speak of the student council in a negative way, for it is definitely a positive organization. It is the student governing body of the school. It is a representative body through which students may express their opinions and beliefs, and give action to them. Although only student council members can vote, all interested persons are invited and urged to attend meetings and express their views. Each student council member is free to express his own feelings, as well as those of other students.

The student council is truly representative of the student body, for each class, by popular vote, elects its delegates and

class president to represent them. The entire student body elects the student body president and vice-president.

THE COUNCIL is ruled not by the teachers but by the constitution which was written, revised, and amended by the student council members themselves. All officers and council members are made aware of their duties and responsibilities. All members and also other students are given the opportunity to serve on a council committee and help with council projects.

In general terms, the council keeps the building and grounds clean and attractive, rates school assemblies, charters all clubs, holds school elections, helps promote good sportsmanship at athletic events, makes reasonable recommendations to the school board and faculty, and encourages good citizenship in the school.—M. B. T.

Students say

Conventions are worth while

• **DO STUDENTS** attend conventions because they find them worth while, or do they go for the ride and to miss a day or two of school?

Although there are some who take a negative attitude on this debatable question, FSHS students generally agree that conventions are important, that young people do have serious intentions, and that they are interested in something besides having fun when attending these conventions — although students do have a good time while learning.

THERE ARE many conventions held for many purposes, but they all have these oppor-

tunities in common: increasing one's circle of friends, broadening one's knowledge of the organization, and encouraging students to investigate others' opinion.

Missing a day or more of school is not done these days before careful calculation in FSHS because of the nine day absence rule. A student must feel that the meeting will be helpful and profitable before he decides to chalk up absences.

“ALL WORK and no play would certainly make a delegate a ‘dull Joe.’” What some critics don't realize is that they only hear about the parties and mixers taking place at a con-

vention. What they don't hear about are the long assemblies, discussion groups, clinics and speeches each delegate attends.

Below are the answers a group of FSHS students gave when your inquiring reporter asked the question, “Do you think conventions are worth while?”

NANCY KENNEY—Yes, if it is a well-planned convention which is interesting and does not lag. Good planning is important.

DAVID KNOX—I think a convention promotes a greater understanding among students and furthers common interest in the purposes of the organization.

PAT HARPER—Conventions are very worth while in many ways, especially because you meet other students from the state or region who are interested in the same club activities that you are.

LOUANNA HILL—They are worth while in every way, but mainly because getting opinions of other students and adult leaders on controversial subjects and successful solutions to problems similar to your own is one of the best features of a convention. Then, too, the fun and fellowship is priceless!

BARRY HON—Meeting and hearing outstanding men in a chosen field is certainly worth anyone's time and money. This, if nothing else, make conventions worth the time and effort.

TONY COUNCIL—Conventions are important simply for the valuable information gained for your club or organization for the betterment of the meetings, projects, and social program.



You bet your life

Mrs. Virginia Jones (to her world history class): “Students, there are reasons for studying about such things as old English history.”

Jerry Rainwater: “Sure, you may win a thousand dollars on the Groucho Marx program.”

Home cookin'

Carolyn Yandell: “I wouldn't mind cooking all my own meals.”

Roger Knox: “No, you wouldn't mind cooking them, but you sure would mind eating them.”

Big help!

When Mrs. Etta Maddux was talking to students whose parents voted for the eight-mill tax increase for local schools, she noticed one student who did not have his hand up. “Why didn't your parents vote?” she asked.

“Well,” came the reply, “It wouldn't have done much good—they live in Oklahoma.”

Flying high

A certain teacher was discussing the interests of students when she asked, “Do you think students are interested in flying?”

David Tidwell spoke up first with, “From the way they drive, yes.”

Sharp kid

In music theory class, George McLarty asked, “Miss Massey, what's this little sharp for?”

“Oh, George,” Miss Massey answered, “why must you always ask me questions and expect me to answer them?”

Group cooperation necessary for success

• **“TWO HEADS** are better than one.”

Many of us fail to realize and appreciate the amount of effort and cooperation that is necessary to carry on the many activities of the school year.

At this time we are making preparations for the AASC convention to be held here at FSHS. Committees have been appointed and are now extending great efforts to make our visitors enjoy their stay with us.

THE JOURNALISM department is publishing a special convention edition of the Grizzly. The music department is participating in the program. The art department is planning stage decorations.

The Key Club is conducting a tour of the city. The Athenians, Columbians, the FBLA, and the print shop are also lending their efforts to the success of the convention.—F. M.

Principal encourages activities of FSHS student council

• **ONE** of the functions of any high school should be to provide pupils an opportunity to assume and carry out assignments of leadership. Any practical plan which will further this aim should be seriously considered by a school administrator.



I have the feeling that one of the best devices available in this school for that assignment is our student council. It is the “laboratory” where the most “real” experiments of this school are conducted.

IT HAS BEEN my privilege to observe our student council grow in its effectiveness. Dem-

ocratic procedure gets its fairest trial in the student council.

Elections to the council are fair and representative. Sometimes a council member is elected who lacks interest and attends irregularly. Some have been dropped for such reasons. The non-participating pupil soon learns that a democratically assigned responsibility must be assumed—either by himself or by someone else.

I believe the student body generally feels that the council is representative—that it does accede to the wishes of the majority. In a country where democratic policy is the basis of government, how could we find a better training area than we have in our student government program? Congratulations to them. E. F.

It happens everyday

you just missed it

by Louise Turner
• **THIS YEAR** FSHS has been host to one exciting thing after another, what with bi-state and its wail of trumpets and pounding of drums last week, and now the student council convention with another chance to make new friends.

Speaking of excitement, **BILL VINES** had a little the other day. As a matter of fact, he got rather chummy with the police via nine traffic tickets in one day. Among the assorted reasons were 1) parking overtime, 2) parking where he shouldn't be parked.

And we quote **DONNE GIBSON**: “I call all my teachers ‘Miss Jimerson’ except Mr. Grace. Somehow he doesn't remind me of her.”

“He who laughs last probably didn't catch the joke”—Frances McShane.

Kats, don't be an old hat! According to **SCOTTY LESTER** and **RICHARD CORDELL**, connoisseurs of slang, only squares say ‘dig that!’ nowadays. Rather, say Mssrs. Lester and Cordell, real Kool Kats will say ‘peel that!’ or ‘pin that!’

Misprint in an English book: “East is East and West is West and never the train will meet.”

ANN BENNETT, overheard at the girls' basketball game: “Those boy cheerleaders remind me of wolves in sheep's clothing.”

Hooray! Hooray! for the **PEOPLE OF FORT SMITH** and for the eight-mill tax increase! The day of Jubilee has finally come for Fort Smith schools, and we rejoice that at last the crowded conditions will be relieved, at least in part.

Happy Birthday!—according to

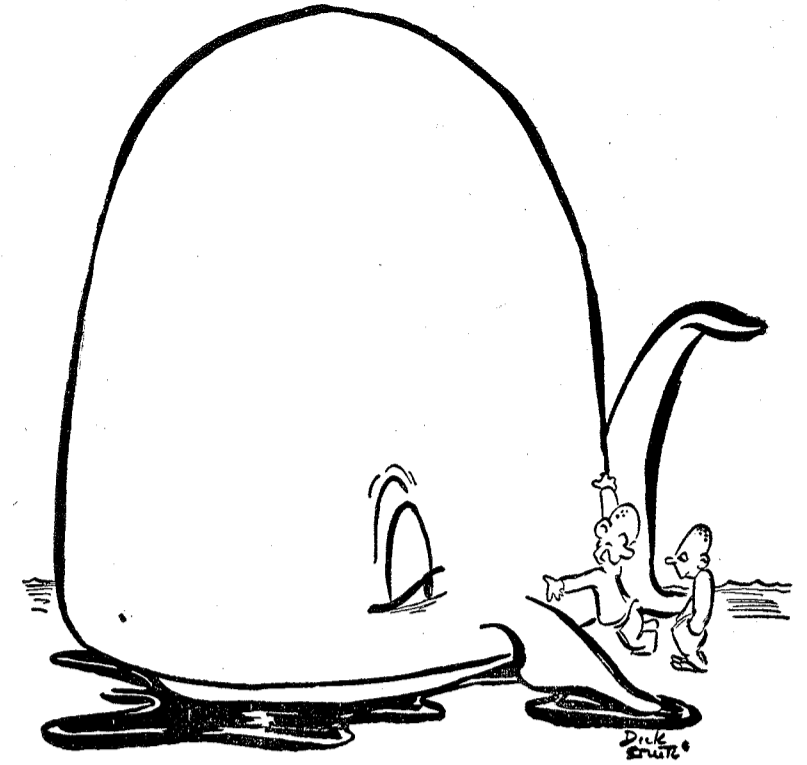
the files in the office, FSHS boasts two April Fool babies: **MISSY COLE** and **JESSIE KUTAIT**. Also, three other students, **BOB DAWSON**, **WILLENE ALLISON** and **CLAUDETTE SCHOCK**, narrowly missed being April 1 babies, having birthdays on April 2.

Some people give up cokes and candy for Lent—but **CAROL BAILEY** is giving up homework.

Quoting **RICHARD WHEATLEY**: “The price of going steady is not the original cost, it's the upkeep.”

This misprint was seen on the club schedule in the office: “F” Club meets only on call at 3:00 a. m.

Shakespeare said it—“All that glitters is not gold.” But, oh, what a little peroxide can do.



“I'll hold him, you get the net.”

Corner

S&Q STUDENT STYLE CENTER.

by Roger Knox
• **IT'S LESS** than two weeks until Easter, and many of you haven't gotten around to getting that **EASTER SUIT** or sport coat you planned to buy. It is still not too late to remedy that situation, if you come down to the S&Q sometime this week or next week. We will be glad to show you our large assortment of merchandise.

We have the charcoal gray, charcoal black and charcoal brown suits you are all so fond of. Another suit I think you will be interested in is our mo-hair suit in charcoal gray with a white fleck. This suit has an extra pair of slacks with it in a pearl gray. This beautiful suit with the extra pants costs only \$62.50. We also have the same suit in light tan with a white fleck and an extra pair of charcoal brown slacks.

We also have a new light suit, almost white, that makes a beautiful spring and summer suit. An extra pair of charcoal brown pants comes with this one too, so the suit can be worn two ways.

At the S&Q we have a large collection of the ever-popular **WHITE SPORT COATS**. Many people have few occasions to wear a white dinner jacket. Buy one of these attractive white sport coats and let it double for the occasional spring and summer formal and semi-formal affair and also use it for an attractive sport coat.

We have a nice selection of very sharp, colorful **DRESS SHIRTS** to wear with these suits. We have pink, yellow, light gray, tan, blue, mint green and many other colors to choose from. These can be chosen with regular, button-down, stay or pin-through collars.

We also have in a large selection of colorful spring and summer ties and socks. We have just the right tie and right pair of socks to go with your new suit.

WENDELL NANCE was in the other day and bought one of our new **JANTZEN SWIM SUITS**. His is a blue and red Scotch plaid zip fit. The suit is also reversible, with one side Scotch plaid and the other a deep navy.

DUCOTE HAYNES has two new dress shirts from the S&Q. They are Enro oxford cloth shirts with a button-down collar.

Be seeing you at the S&Q next week!

—adv.

Grizzly Selects—

Activity of the week . . . Convention of the Arkansas Association of Student Councils here April 7-9.

Senior of the week . . . Tommy Cutting, student body president and “official host” at convention.

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